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Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1674th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

10 a.m.	2nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/64/250)

Summit on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General
(22 September 2009)

The Summit on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 2009, at 9 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Information on the modalities of the Summit is contained in document A/INF/64/4. Further information, including a background paper by the Secretary-General, can also be accessed at <www.un.org/climatechange/2009summit>.

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of September has the honour to remind Member States that the Security Council will convene a Summit in connection with nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament on Thursday, 24 September 2009, at 9.15 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber. Member States that are not members of the Security Council wishing to submit written statements are welcome to do so and may wish to refer to the concept paper on the Summit contained in document S/2009/463. Statements submitted will be issued as documents of the Security Council.

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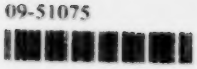

High-level event on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries

In partnership with Member States of the United Nations with significant interest in advancing reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, a high-level event on the topic, convened by the Secretary-General, will take place on Wednesday, 23 September 2009, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All Heads of State and Government and their delegations are invited to participate. Participants are requested to confirm their participation at un-redd@un-redd.org. Queries related to the event may also be directed to the same e-mail address (un-redd@un-redd.org).

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

General debate
(23–26 and 28–30 September 2009)

The list of speakers for the general debate of the sixty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2940B and S-2925). The list of speakers has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

High-level commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

A high-level event for the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of UNRWA will take place on Thursday, 24 September 2009, in accordance with resolution 63/91 of 5 December 2008 and decision 63/558 of 11 August 2009. A note verbale regarding the event has been sent to all permanent and observer missions.

Following a ministerial-level breakfast, the event will continue at 9 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, will open the meeting, with the President of the Palestinian Authority, H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, and the Commissioner-General of UNRWA, Ms. Karen AbuZayd. From 9.30 to 11 a.m., there will be two panel discussions on the theme "Contributing to a better future: UNRWA's record and the road ahead", to be followed by a ministerial segment, from 11 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. The Secretary-General will make opening remarks. For further information, please contact Ms. Noemi Becerra (e-mail becerran@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2254).

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 78 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Development Programme
2. Executive session

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Fourth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 18 September 2009, at 3 pm. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Friday, 18 September 2009

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the Ministerial Declaration)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Briefing on the launch of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania)

10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

African Group (Sixth Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other activities

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Friday, 18 September 2009

Panel discussion on "Climate change and development: Global responses and policy challenges" (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Lawrence de Laubadere, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3125; e-mail delaubadere@un.org).]

UNU Current Affairs Lecture Series: "The Europe's role in the world" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

From 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Renato Giacon, UNU-ONY (e-mail giacon@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 18 September 2009

Room S-226

10.30 a.m.	Ms. Karen Koning AbuZayd, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) (to brief on the high-level commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of UNRWA (24 September); to launch a commemorative publication; and to provide an update on the latest situation in Gaza and the impact of the blockade)
11.45 a.m.	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
12 noon	Mr. Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary, Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO); and Ms. Annika Thunborg, Spokesperson of the Preparatory Commission (to highlight the current political momentum for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, in light of the CTBTO Conference (24–25 September) and the Summit of the Security Council (24 September)
12.45 p.m.	Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations; and Mr. Robert Orr, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Planning (to present the initial findings of the Secretary-General's report on the impact of the economic crisis on the poor and vulnerable and on a new initiative to improve the availability of real-time data on the impact of the crisis)
1.15 p.m.	H.E. Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, President of the General Assembly

Forthcoming official meetings

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) will hold an open meeting from Wednesday, 30 September, to Friday, 2 October 2009, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, as a part of the comprehensive review of the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The modalities for the comprehensive review are outlined in document S/2009/170. Member States, international, regional and subregional organizations and other entities have been invited to participate in the comprehensive review process and in the meeting.

The list of speakers for the general debate (30 September–1 October) will be opened on Tuesday, 22 September, and will close on Monday, 28 September 2009. For enquiries, please contact Mr. Vesselin Kostov, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail sc-1540-committee@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3577; room S-3055I). An interactive session will follow the general debate until Friday, 2 October.

Further information on the activities of the 1540 Committee, including official documents and background materials prepared for the comprehensive review, can be accessed at <www.un.org/sc/1540/ComprehensiveReview-OpenMeeting.shtml>.

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 78 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 78 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly will be held, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Monday, 28 September 2009, in Conference Room 5; on Tuesday, 29 September, in Conference Room 3; and from Wednesday, 30 September, to Friday, 2 October, in Conference Room 5.

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 1 October 2009, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/63/397).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items, from Monday, 5, to Monday, 12 October 2009. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (e-mail marrone@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; room S-2977).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national

capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Timur Alasaniya, Acting Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mail leong@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; room S-2977)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on a date to be announced.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 1 October 2009, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 5 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Ms. Milena Tekeste (e-mail tekeste1@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; room S-2977).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; room S-2977NN)).

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and Permanent Observers at <https://4thcommittee.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Second Committee

General debate

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 5 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee.

The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Dolores Lois, *in writing* (e-mail lois@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with past practice of the Second Committee, a time limit of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of groups should be observed. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis,

Secretary of the Second Committee (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950C). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items to be allocated to the Third Committee will open on Monday, 28 September 2009. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 5 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not communicated the composition of their delegation to the Third Committee are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950D). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 1 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/64/L.1.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (c/o Ms. Ana Bürgi (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-0360; room S-2633)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth/>.

Economic and Social Council

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board
Sixth session (resumed)

The resumed sixth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 1 October 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77: Twenty-first Annual Meeting of Senior Officials

Wednesday, 23 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77: Thirty-third Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs

Friday, 25 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 15: Thirty-first Session of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs

Thursday, 24 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Group of 15: Fourteenth Summit of the Heads of State and Government

Friday, 25 September 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Commonwealth: Eighth Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs

Thursday, 24 September 2009, at 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Commonwealth: Ministerial Meeting on Terrorism

Thursday, 24 September 2009, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, following the adjournment of the Eighth Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs.

Informal Ministerial Meeting of the Community of Democracies (organized by the Permanent Mission of Lithuania)

Thursday, 24 September 2009, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community: Twelfth informal consultation of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Jamaica)

Friday, 25 September 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Ministerial Meeting of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies (at the ministerial level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Qatar)

Tuesday, 29 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Eastern European Group (election experts) (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 30 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 30 September 2009, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing for parliamentarians attending the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Namibia, in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Thursday, 24 September 2009, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

[Permanent representatives and observers are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the IPU office (e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org; tel. 1 (212) 557-5880).]

High-level event on "Peace and security through women's leadership: Acting on Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and climate change" (co-hosted by the President of Finland and the President of Liberia) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Liberia)

Thursday, 24 September 2009, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[Permanent and observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Sundblad, Permanent Mission of Finland (e-mail laura.sundblad@formin.fi; tel. 1 (212) 355-2100, ext. 741).]

Ministerial working session on the sixtieth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions — Ensuring respect for international humanitarian law in a changing environment and the role of the United Nations (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Saturday, 26 September 2009, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Fabienne Thomas-Eichhorn, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail fabienne.eichhorn@eda.admin.ch).]

High-level round table on "The inter-ethnic city: Management and policies for a better integration of migrants" (co-organized by the Alliance of Civilizations, the International Organization for Migration and the Permanent Missions of Canada and Italy)

Monday, 28 September 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register, please contact Ms. Chantal Dubois, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail chantal.dubois@international.gc.ca), by Wednesday. 23 September. More information on the event can be found at <www.un.int/iom/Inter-Ethnic%20City.html>.]

Presentation of "El Espíritu Nexos" — an audio-visual educational project (organized by the Alliance of Civilizations, Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Wednesday, 30 September 2009, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, by *today*, 18 September 2009, please contact Mr. Jordi Torrent, Alliance of Civilizations (e-mail torrent@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9917).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Conference of the Parties
Ninth session
Buenos Aires, 21 September–2 October 2009

The ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP (9)) will be held from Monday, 21 September, to Friday, 2 October 2009, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the Hotel Hilton. The session will open on Monday, 21 September, at 3 p.m., followed by the 1st plenary meeting of the Conference.

At the 1st plenary meeting, a limited number of speakers representing major groups of states, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, regional and other interest groups and non-governmental organizations, will have an opportunity to address the Conference.

A special high-level segment on fostering the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention will be held on Monday, 28, and Tuesday, 29 September 2009.

The opening ceremony of the special high-level segment will be held on Monday, 28 September, at 10 a.m. Special statements, on behalf of regional and other interest groups, will be made on that occasion.

The high-level segment will hold three ministerial-level round table discussions, as follows:

Monday, 28 September, at 3 p.m., on the theme "The global trends of desertification, land degradation and drought — Liaison with other problems and challenges for decision makers and stakeholders";

Tuesday, 29 September, at 10 a.m., on the theme "Desertification/land degradation and climate change — What role for the land in the ongoing negotiations for a new climate change regime at Copenhagen?"; and

Tuesday, 29 September, at 3 p.m., on the theme "Partnerships and institutions for combating desertification, land degradation and drought — The path to improvement".

The annotated provisional agenda and the proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document ICCD/COP(9)/1. Documentation for the session is available on the UNCCD Web site at the following address: <www.unccd.int>.

Announcements

Summit on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General: Pre-recorded video statements

The Summit on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General, to take place on Tuesday, 22 September 2009, will feature several innovative elements. Among them is an attempt to change the nature of the discussion through active exchanges between participants in the short time available at a one-day event. Therefore, in lieu of live national statements in the plenary, all Heads of State and Government have the opportunity to send in a pre-recorded video statement that will be made available on the Internet, including on the Summit on Climate Change Web site and on YouTube. Guidelines for pre-recorded video statements were distributed to all Member States in note verbale SG/CCST/2 of 4 August 2009. Member States are encouraged to submit their pre-recorded video statements *as soon as possible*.

For technical questions regarding the pre-recorded video statements by Heads of State and Government, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou, Chief, Webcast Unit, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-6733).

Arrangements for the Summit on Climate Change are contained in the information note for delegations (A/INF/64/4).

Live webcast of the general debate of the General Assembly (23–26 and 28–30 September 2009)

The general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly will be broadcast live and on-demand over the Internet (in English and original language). It will be accessible through the United Nations Webcast at <www.un.org/webcast>.

Delegations are invited to send by e-mail an advance electronic copy of their statement, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to ensure timely and accurate posting of the text on the United Nations Web site and as a step to reducing paper usage. The statements should be sent to dpigaweb@un.org.

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (Article XIV)

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty will be held at United Nations Headquarters, on 24 and 25 September 2009.

The Conference will convene on Thursday, 24 September, at 8 a.m. in Conference Room 3. It will be suspended at 8.50 a.m. and will resume at 11 a.m. From 9 to 11 a.m., a live video screening of the meeting of the Security Council in connection with the issue of nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation will be broadcast in the same room. The afternoon meeting will take place from 3 to 6 p.m.

On Friday, 25 September 2009, the meetings will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifying States and the name of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (CTBT-Art.XIV/2009/1). This information should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Mr. Thomas Markram, secretariat of the Conference, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail markram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0386; fax 1 (212) 963-8892; room S-3140).

The provisional list of speakers for the general exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories is open. For enquiries please contact Ms. Lucia Andaya, Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail andaya@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0386; fax 1 (212) 963-8892; room S-3140).

Further information on the Conference can be found on the CTBTO Web site <www.ctbto.org> or at the following address: <www.un.org/disarmament/>.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, in Conference Room 9, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 27 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Spanish*

Tuesday, 27 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Russian*

Wednesday, 28 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *French*

Wednesday, 28 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*

Thursday, 29 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Chinese*

Thursday, 29 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Arabic*

Office of the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

Member States are kindly reminded that all communications may be sent to the Office of the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly (room C-204; tel. 1 (212) 963-7555).

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; e-mail mdc@un.org).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 17 September 2009

Security Council

6190th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Robert Serry, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Serry.

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

1st meeting

Election of the Bureau of the Second Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

The Chairman of the Second Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Park In-kook (Republic of Korea), opened the meeting.

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Mohamed Chérif Diallo (Guinea), Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) and Mr. Dragan Mićić (Serbia) as its Vice-Chairmen, and Ms. Denise McQuade (Ireland) as its Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the proposed organization of work of the Committee (A/C.2/64/L.1) and the status of documentation for the Second Committee at the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/64/L.1/Add.1).

A statement was made by the Secretary of the Committee regarding the draft programme of work.

A statement was also made by the Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico and Cuba.

The Committee approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in A/C.2/64/L.1.

A statement was made by the Secretary of the Committee.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

317th meeting

The Chairman made a statement on a number of events and activities which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee.

Election of the Vice-Chairmen of the Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee unanimously elected H.E. Mr. Pedro Núñez Mosquera (Cuba), as Vice-Chairman.

The newly elected Vice-Chairman made a statement.

The Permanent Representative of Tunisia made a statement.

Developments in the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Chairman responded to the statement.

The Director of the New York Liaison Office of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) made a statement.

Report of the Chairman on the United Nations Asian and Pacific Meeting on the Question of Palestine, Jakarta, 8–10 June, and the United Nations International Meeting on the Question of Palestine, UNOG, 22–24 July 2009

The Chairman made a statement.

The Permanent Representative of Indonesia made a statement.

Consideration of applications by civil society organizations for accreditation with the Committee (Working Paper No. 4)

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee approved Working Paper No. 4.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

The Director of the New York Liaison Office of UNRWA made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (16 September 2009)[1]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Liberia (15 September 2009)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty Event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2009 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation

United Nations Headquarters (23–25 and 28–29 September 2009)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from Wednesday, 23, to Friday,

25 September, and on Monday, 28, and Tuesday, 29 September 2009, at United Nations Headquarters, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The event, entitled "2009 Treaty Event: towards universal participation and implementation", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties of global reach dealing with topics such as climate change, terrorism, human rights, transnational organized crime, statelessness and the use of nuclear and other weapons that adversely affect civilians.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.163.2009 of 24 March 2009. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2009 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. P. Muriel Djella Ogandaga (tel. 1 (917) 367-9820); or Ms. Dina Hamdy (tel. 1 (212) 963-2113)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

Opening for signature (24 September 2009, 8.30 a.m. at the Treaty Signing area in the General Assembly Building, United Nations Headquarters)

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (New York, 10 December 2008)

The Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which was adopted on 10 December 2008 during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly by resolution 63/117 (A/RES/63/117) shall, in accordance with its article 17, be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The ceremony for the opening for signature of the Optional Protocol will be held on Thursday, 24 September 2009, at 8.30 a.m. during the 2009 Treaty Event at the Treaty Signing area in the General Assembly Building, at United Nations Headquarters. Following brief remarks by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Chairperson of the Committee on

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and a representative of civil society, the Option Protocol will be opened for signature by the Legal Counsel of the United Nations.

Certified true copies of the Optional Protocol of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, were established on 31 December 2008 and were transmitted to all States by depositary notification C.N.2.2009.TREATIES-1 of 20 January 2009.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Optional Protocol during the signing ceremony or thereafter could notify, and provide, if required, copies of the full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (e-mail depositaryCN@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 5047).

Opening for signature

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea (New York, 11 December 2008)

The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea was adopted was adopted on 11 December 2008 at the sixty-third session of the General Assembly by resolution 63/122. In accordance with its article 88 (1), the Convention shall be open for signature by all States at Rotterdam, Netherlands, on Wednesday, 23 September 2009, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

Certified true copies of the Convention, which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, were established and transmitted to all States by depositary notification C.N.178.2009.TREATIES-2 of 8 April 2009.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (e-mail depositaryCN@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2009* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Mourad Benmehidi

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Yukio Takasu

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Andrzej Towpik

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Guyana
Mr. George Wilfred Talbot

Western European and other States:
Portugal
H.E. Mr. José Filipe Moraes Cabral

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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	resolution — The responsibility to protect — Andorra, Australia, Austria, Denmark, Greece, Guinea, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malta, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Singapore, Slovakia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.101/Add.1	Item 114 (a) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union — Algeria: draft resolution — Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America [A C E F R S]
	Sixty-fourth session
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A/64/303	Item 45 of the provisional agenda — Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/64/310	Item 57 (a) of the provisional agenda — Globalization and interdependence: role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/64/311	Item 70 of the provisional agenda — Right of peoples to self-determination — Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/64/312	Item 51 of the provisional agenda — Culture of peace — International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001-2010 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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ST/IC/2009/32	First day of issue, 25 September 2009: "Millennium Development Goals" stamps [E F (only)]
ST/IC/2009/33	United Nations sabbatical leave programme for 2010 [E F (only)]

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